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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
 application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/424,498
Filing Date	November 24, 1999
Examiner Name	H. Schnizer
First Named Inventor	Schwarz
Group Art Unit	1653
Attorney Docket Number	20695D-001000US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Information Disclosure Statement
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	December 4, 2002

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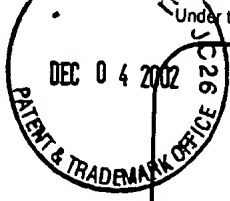
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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☒ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number: 20-1430

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The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	740	Utility filing fee	
		1002	330	Design filing fee	
		1003	510	Plant filing fee	
		1004	740	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	.. =	Extra Claims	Fees from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	.. =			
Multiple Dependent				

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	84	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	84	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES					
Large	Small	Entity	Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)		
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification	
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	400	200	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	920	460	Extension for reply within third month	920
1254	2254	1,440	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	1,960	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	320	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	320	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	280	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,280	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,280	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	460	230	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	620	310	Plant issue fee	
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	1807	50	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	1806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	2809	740	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	740	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	740	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	740
1802	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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